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SUBJECT: UN POPULATION COMMISSION - FIRST WEEK

SUMMARY: OFFICERS OF PREVIOUS SESSION REELECTED. WARM TRIBUTES OFFERED FOR GENERAL DRAPER. GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH SECRETARIAT'S FAILURE TO PROPOSE STRUCTURE FOR DISCUSSION OF IMPLICATIONS OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. WORKING GROUP AGREED ON AGENDA. GENERAL APPROVAL OF UNFPA FOR CONDUCT OF WORLD POPULATION YEAR. REVIEW OF ESCAP CONSULTATION AND PROPOSAL FOR AN EEC REGIONAL CONSULTATION. REPORTS BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

1. COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED FORMER OFFICERS, CHAIRMAN CONCEPCION (PHILIPPINES); VICE-CHAIRMEN RUSS (ROMANIA) WHO DID NOT APPEAR; DE GRAFT-JOHNSON (GHANA); MORGAN (COSTA RICA); RAPPORTEUR VAN DE KAA (NETHERLANDS).

2. EXPRESSIONS OF GENUINE SORROW AND WARM TRIBUTES TO GENERAL DRAPER WERE MADE BY ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT, FOLLOWED NEXT DAY BY INDONESIA.

3. BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT BY NEW USYG VAN LAETHAM, COMPLIMENTING POPCOMM FOR PREPARATIONS FOR WPC AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PREDICTING GREATER EMPHASIS ON ANALYSIS OF DEMOGRAPHIC

FACTS IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SETTING IN VIEW OF ATTITUDES AT BUCHAREST. POPULATION DIVISION DIRECTOR LEON TABAH MADE GENERALLY APPLAUDED ANALYSIS OF WPC. NOTED NEED TO OVERCOME INCOMPATIBILITY OF SOVEREIGNTY AND EFFECTS OF POPULATION POLICIES ON OTHER COUNTRIES; ANTICIPATED INCREASING VALUE OF WPC DOCUMENTATION; POLITICAL CONTENT IMPORTANT ADDITION POPULATION CONSIDERATIONS; IMPORTANT THAT TECHNICIANS SERVE INTEREST OF POLICY MAKERS.

4. GENERAL EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION TO ROMANIA AND LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO SYG FOR WPC CARRILLO-FLORES.

5. WPY REPORT BY GILLE, UNFPA, WITH GENERAL COMPLIMENTS TO SALAS AND VITTACHI WITH RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUANCE WPY INFORMATION PROGRAMS.

6. REPORT WORLD FERTILITY SURVEY ON SCHEDULE; SURVEYS COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS 12 COUNTRIES. COMMISSION MEMBERS INDICATED VALUE WFS.

7. GENERAL COMPLAINT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS HAD NOT PROVIDED SUFFICIENT STRUCTURE FOR CONSIDERATION IMPLICATIONS WPC. WORKING GROUP AGREED ON AGENDA: (A) GENERAL DEBATE; (B) ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF WPC AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS; (I) MONITORING POPULATION TRENDS AND POLICIES; (II) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS MADE TOWARD ACHIEVING GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WPPA; (C) IMPLICATIONS WPC FOR UN LEGISLATIVE BODIES; (D) IMPLICATIONS WPC FOR STRENGTHENING RELEVANT UNITS SECRETARIAT; (E) RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC.

8. IN GENERAL DEBATE ASTONISHING LEVEL GENERAL SUPPORT AND CLAIMS PATERNITY FOR WPPA, INCLUDING BRAZIL, USSR, INDIA. CHANDRASHEKAR (INDIA) EMPHASIZED COMMITMENT TO POPULATION PROGRAM; CITED MORE RAPID PROGRESS IN KERALA AND MAHARASTRA PROVINCES BECAUSE OF HIGHER LEVELS EDUCATION. BOSERUP (DENMARK) SUMMARIZED BUCHAREST: WORLD AGREEMENT POPULATION POLICY HAS NO CHANCE SUCCESS WITHOUT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT-
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MENT HAS NO CHANCE IN LONG RUN WITHOUT POPULATION POLICIES. BURLIN (UKRAINE) DECLARED WPPA LANDMARK; ASSERTED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRAL FACTOR IN SOLVING POPULATION PROBLEMS. ISUPOV (USSR) SAID SIXTH SPECIAL UNGA AND ADOPTION NIEO FOLLOWED WPC AND "MUST INCLUDE THEM IN OUR WORK." (ACTUALLY RARELY MENTIONED BY ANY MEMBER REMAINDER FIRST WEEK OF SESSION.) DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT STATUS OF WOMEN IN USSR. SAID ALL OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDP II DECADE DEPENDS ON PEACE-

KEEPING. THOMPSON (UK) CALLED FOR ALL UN ELEMENTS TO BRING POPULATION DATA INTO PLANNING AND TO MAKE KNOWN WHAT THEY THINK EFFECTS OF WPPA ON PEOPLE WILL BE. CLAXTON (USA) MADE ASSESSMENT WPPA BASED ON MAJOR POINTS ANALYSIS CONTAINED STATE BULLETIN 1846. VAN DE KAA (NETHERLANDS) URGED STUDY WHY SOME POPULATION PROGRAMS SUCCEEDED OR FAILED. VISID (THAILAND) DECLARED ASIAN VIEW WPPA CONCERNED TOO MUCH WITH POLITICAL AND TOO LITTLE WITH PROGRAM AND DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR ESCAP COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE STATED TARGETS FOR REDUCTION GROWTH RATES AT BANGKOK CONSULTATION. SANTOS (ECUADOR) URGED ATTENTION YOUTH IN CARRYING OUT WPPA. KURODA (JAPAN) NOTED GLOBAL POINT OF VIEW BEGAN EMERGE BUCHAREST. DE GRAFT-JOHNSON (GHANA) SAID OPPOSED SOME PROPOSALS BUCHAREST OBNOXIOUS TO HIS COUNTRY. WANTS SURVEYS RELEVANT AFRICA.

9. POPDIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR CABELLO MADE LONG STATEMENT SEEMINGLY SEEKING ENLARGED POPDIV ROLE WITH ADDED FINANCING TO COME FROM UNFPA. GENERALLY COOL RESPONSE.

10. THORSSON (SWEDEN) RIDING NEW WAVE OF BUCHAREST ASSERTED POPULATION CANNOT BE SINGLED OUT AS MAJOR CAUSE OF MASS POVERTY IN MAJOR COUNTRIES. MUST BE SEEN IN RELATION TO INSUFFICIENCIES AND ANOMALIES IN PRESENT WORLD ORDER. WPPA GIVES FULL RECOGNITION TO POPULATION AS BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, ALSO ESSENTIAL ELEMENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY. MORE QUANTITATIVE GOALS IN WPPA WOULD HAVE BEEN VALUABLE TO COUNTRIES BELIEVING POPULATION GROWTH IMPAIRS DEVELOPMENT. POPULATION AFFECTS DC'S AS WELL AS LDC'S. LAUNCHED REQUEST FOR POST-WPC ECE CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

11. CHANDRASHEKAR SAID COULD NOT ENVISAGE INDIAN ATTAINMENT GOAL ZERO POPULATION GROWTH BY 2000 STATED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIAN DELEGATION BANGKOK. SAUVY (FRANCE) ASKED WHY NOT?

12. SUBJECT MONITORING, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL INTRODUCED BY TABAH ASKING WHAT TO BE MONITORED; HOW; WHO TO DO; WHEN AND WHAT INTERVALS; FOR WHOM. GENERAL DEBATE DISCLOSED UNCERTAINTY HOW PROCEED; VARIETY VIEWS EXPRESSED REGARDING ROLE OF POPULATION DIVISION, COMMISSION, ECOSOC. CONFUSION REGARDING DISTINCTION BETWEEN MONITORING AND REVIEW.

13. AMBASSADOR SCALI MADE MAJOR STATEMENT MORNING FEBRUARY 20 ON INTERRELATION POPULATION, FOOD, DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, STATUS OF WOMEN, SOCIAL STABILITY AND PEACE REPORTED DEPARTMENT SEPARATELY.

14. GENERAL CONSENSUS POPULATION DIVISION RESPONSIBLE

MONITORING POPULATION TRENDS BUT WITH MULTILATERAL APPROACH
HIGHLIGHTED BY SCALI IMPORTANT FOR UN AGENCIES. TABAH SUPPORTED
POSSIBLE COORDINATING BODY COMPOSED OF POP DIVISION,
ECONOMIC DIVISIONS IN SECRETARIAT, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
AND PERHAPS OTHER BODIES SUCH AS UNFPA PLUS EXPERTS. VAN
DA KAA STRESSED FIRST REQUIREMENT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS SET
UP OWN ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSESS POPULATION PROBLEMS AND NEEDS.
OUTLINED FURTHER STEPS. FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR ROLE OF REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND ACC POPULATION
COMMITTEE. ALL DIRECTED TOWARD REPORT FOR ECOSOC. FEEDBACK
OT ORIGINATING BODIES IMPORTANT. CHEKIR (TUNISIA) PROPOSED
CONSIDERATION AND FEEDBACK POPULATION POLICY INFORMATION FOR
BENEFIT OTHER COUNTRIES. RWANDA REPORTED NEW COMMITTEE TO
ASSESS EFFECTS POPULATION GROWTH ON DEVELOPMENT. CLAXTON
PROPOSED POP. DIV./UNFPA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MONITORING
AS AGREED ESCAP CONSULTATION.

15. REMAINDER FIRST WEEK DISCUSSION FOLLOWS SEPARATE CABLE.
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